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Over the past year they have faced challenges most of us cannot even imagine. They have shown incredible resolve in the face of adversity. They have shown us all how to seek positivity and hope in each day as we weather the storms that come our way.

I couldn't be more thankful to represent the incredible people across South Dakota and all over the nation who work hard each day, not for fame, not for recognition or for money, but for the betterment of their communities. This is what makes America strong. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize these hard-working individuals.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I apologize for missing these votes, I was unable to be present. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 63 and NAY on Roll Call No. 64.

WILLIAM (BILL) ALEXANDER
MCKEE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize William (Bill) Alexander McKee of Golden, Colorado who passed away on February 7, 2021.

Bill was born in Lake Forest, Illinois and grew up in Barrington, Illinois. He graduated from Barrington High School in 1970 and went on to graduate from the University of Denver in 1974 with a B.A. in Political Science. In 1977, he received a Masters of Urban Affairs with an emphasis in Budgeting and Administration from the University of Colorado.

In 1979, Bill began his career with the Colorado Department of Health and Environment in the Water Quality Division. During his 26 years at the department, he worked to protect the rivers, lakes and streams of Colorado. Whether working with grants, permits, regional planning, nonpoint source pollution or as the Upper Colorado Watershed coordinator, Bill realized water pollution was about all of us working together and influenced how various jurisdictions were expected to comply with the Clean Water Act.

Bill met his wife Suzy through common friends in 1978. They married in 1979 at Pine Valley Ranch in Pine, Colorado and moved to Golden, Colo. soon thereafter. During his 38 years in Golden, Bill was constantly working to

improve his community. Bill embraced Golden, as he did water. He served from 1988 to 1996 on the Golden Planning Commission and was elected to the Golden City Council from 1996 to 2004. Bill's time on both city council and the planning commission coincided with important changes in the history of Golden. Alongside fellow city leaders, Bill worked to revitalize downtown and bring more business and tourism to Golden. Many of Bill's lasting contributions were to the boards and organizations where he served, such as his tenure as president of the Friends of the Golden History Museum and Park. Bill helped shepherd this organization from a volunteer organization to the professionally run museum it is today. For many years, Bill also volunteered for the Leadership Golden Alumni Association Board.

In 2003, Bill joined the board of the Colorado Watershed Assembly. He served on the board for 10 years and as the chair for four years. Bill helped grow the yearly Sustaining Colorado's Watershed Conference into a top-notch multi-day event. He was a guiding force, a natural leader, and he saw the value of a statewide conference for watershed groups, private and government sectors, and concerned citizens to gather and share their mission of ensuring clean water for all Coloradans.

Bill loved spending time with his family, gathering with close friends, hiking with his faithful dog Grace, attending local ribbon cuttings, attending meetings, attending more meetings, following our local sports teams, reading the Denver Post daily, skiing the steeps, golfing, biking, playing the guitar and occasionally his flute, making the best spaghetti sauce ever, enjoying quality scotch while smoking a cigar around the fire, whistling, singing to the radio, spending time in the mountains of Colorado, and traveling.

Bill was a devoted husband and loving father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Suzy McKee, their children Meredith McKee, Gregory (Kari Hogan McKee); and grandchildren, Frances, Ace, and Mac McKee. I appreciate and thank him for a lifetime of service to our community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MUSEUM ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the National Children's Museum Act, which would require the General Services Administration (GSA) to enter into a cooperative agreement with the National Children's Museum (NCM), a congressionally designated museum, to allow the museum to remain in the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, a federally owned building in the nation's capital, without charge for the duration of its existing lease. The National Building Museum operates under such an agreement. Last Congress, on November 17, 2020, the House passed this bill by voice vote.

This bill would allow the NCM, the nation's first combination children's museum and science center, to remain centrally located in the nation's capital for the benefit of the mil-

lions who visit and live in the District and the national capital region (NCR). Originally named the Capital Children's Museum, the NCM was a staple in D.C. for decades. The institution opened in 1974 in a former convent on H Street Northeast.

In 2003, Congress recognized the immense value in having a children's museum in D.C. and officially designated the museum as the NCM. Now, the museum is bringing new and innovative science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) exhibits to the nation's capital, building on more than 30 years of educating D.C. children and families. Despite the many benefits it brings to the nation's capital, the NCM is an outlier. It is the only congressionally designated museum expected to pay rent in a federal building.

Importantly, this bill would relieve concerns about the ability of the NCM to survive the coronavirus pandemic. When the museum reopened last year in the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, it immediately attracted many visitors from throughout the NCR and the nation, but was forced by the coronavirus pandemic to close 18 days later. At this time, the museum remains closed until further notice. Still, the museum has continued to offer valuable STEAM resources to our children as they navigate these new challenging learning circumstances, including over 75 at-home experiment and project video programs, monthly podcasts, virtual field trips and a Climate Action Heroes Digital Exhibit, among other resources.

This bill would allow the NCM to remain centrally located in the nation's capital for the benefit of the millions who visit and live in the District and the NCR.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING CARLEY DEERY AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Carley Deery from Carlisle High School as Iowan of the Week. Carley is a senior at Carlisle High School with a passion for animals. Her father David Deery is a senior fire medic at Des Moines Fire Station No. 3. He told his daughter a story of resuscitating a dog from a house fire using a pet oxygen mask. Carley soon learned of the lack of resources in having these specialized masks available to first responders in Polk County. This story and her passion for animals inspired her to launch a campaign to purchase much-needed pet oxygen masks for area ambulances.

Carley immediately went to work with her family: baking and selling dog treats, creating an online fundraiser and ultimately teaming up with the ARL to meet her goal of every ambulance in the metro area having a pet oxygen mask. Recently, she was able to present a check for more than \$2,000 to help make the goal a reality. Her work didn't stop there. Carley has continued her effort of not only masks, but assisting the ARL in providing housing, food and medical care to animals who need assistance after a disaster.

As an animal lover myself Carley's story is inspiring and a testament to how important our

animals and pets are to our community. I am so happy to hear that the 47 masks that Carley helped raise the funds for will benefit nine different agencies with 22 of them staying right here in Des Moines. I am proud to represent constituents like Carley who truly exemplify what it means to be an Iowan. I will continue to fight in Congress for communities like Carley's to ensure they have the support and voice they deserve.

HONORING ROBERT MEEK JR.

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Meek Jr. who has served as my District Director since 2016.

To put it simply, Bob is a man of both conviction and courage. No matter the duty, he executes it with poise, a strong dedication to service, and with an abiding gratitude for those he works alongside.

As a retired Colonel of the U.S. Army Reserve, as the son of a Second Lieutenant who served as a B-25 Mitchell bomber copilot in World War II, and father of 3 military sons, Bob has dedicated his life not only to being an advocate for military families, but also serving as a strong voice for servicemembers both past and present.

From traveling thousands of miles across North Carolina's Fifth District with me to meeting with countless scores of proud North Carolinians who are proud to live there, Bob has always acted with a servant's heart, one of his many features that everyone admires.

I speak for both myself and the staff when I say working alongside Bob has been an honor. As he enters this new phase of his life, may God continue to bless him, his family, and the lives of everyone he will continue to serve.

IN GRATITUDE TO BLAIR BOWMAN

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional constituent and community leader in Michigan's 11th District, Mr. Blair Bowman.

Mr. Bowman is a lifelong Michigander who graduated from Farmington High School in Farmington, Michigan, obtained his undergraduate degree from Michigan State University and law degree from University of Detroit School of Law.

In 2005, after following in his father's footsteps by entering the real estate brokerage and development field, he built a facility in Novi, Michigan, which operates today as the Suburban Collection Showplace. This is one of a few examples in the country of a truly privately owned and operated convention and exposition center, with nearly two million people passing through annually.

When the COVID-19 pandemic struck, Mr. Bowman wasted no time in offering his center to be transformed into an alternative care facil-

ity for COVID-19 patients. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District led the 250,000 square foot conversion of the Suburban Collection Showplace convention center into a medical facility in 15 days, where they created a 250-bed space for patients from area hospitals.

Now, the previous regional field hospital is hosting one of Oakland County's COVID-19 vaccination clinics, helping to defeat this virus once and for all.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the outstanding contributions Mr. Bowman has made to his community, and to our country at large.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, due to previously scheduled travel, I was unable to vote in person in the House of Representatives on March 8, 2021. On that day, I missed two recorded votes. On Roll Call No. 63, had I been present, I would have voted "Nay." On Roll Call No. 64, had I been present, I would have voted "Nay."

HONORING PAUL JEWELL

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I offer these remarks in honor of Paul Wesley Jewell of Salem, Virginia, who passed away on February 17, 2021 at the age of 79. Mr. Jewell was a photographer by profession who actively participated in Salem's community organizations.

Mr. Jewell was born on December 28, 1941 in Roanoke County to Curtis W. and Ethel Starkey Jewell. As a young man, he graduated from Andrew Lewis High School, excelled at athletics, and belonged to the Boy Scouts of America. He made the community he grew up in his lifelong home. As a professional photographer, he owned several studios, including the Deyerle Studio for over 25 years. After retiring from professional photography, Mr. Jewell remained active in the Salem area as a member of the First United Methodist Church of Salem and of Taylor Masonic Lodge No. 23 and as a funeral assistant at John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Jewell is survived by son Paul "Matt" Jewell and wife, Peggy; daughters Beth Kennedy and Susan Grimberg and her husband John; granddaughters Cierra McDaniel and husband Jared, Kristen Porter and husband Josh, Kaitlyn Duhon and husband Matt, Kyndsey Cook, Kendall Cook, Gracie Grimberg, and Olivia Grimberg; and great-grandchildren Aria McDaniel, James Duhon, Avery Duhon, and Mason Duhon. I would like to extend to them my condolences.

THANK YOU SKIP MARANEY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I will always treasure the encouragement of Skip Maraney during my service in Congress.

For many years, he was the mainstay of the Breakfast Club on Wednesday at Longworth Cafeteria for members of Congress, Capitol Police officers, and staffers.

I appreciate him inviting me to co-perform with Delegate ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON in the Hexagon Theatre political satirical musical comedy revue.

Skip is recognized as an Honorary Resident of South Carolina from over twenty years of vacationing at Hilton Head Island.

The following is an official announcement of his upcoming retirement issued by the National Star Route Mail Contractors Association:

JOHN V. "SKIP" MARANEY

Skip Maraney is retiring after 52 years of employment as the executive director and lobbyist with the National Star Route Mail Contractors Association. The Association's office is located at 325 East Capitol Street Washington, D.C.

Skip will be honored for his steadfast and loyal service by the Board of Directors of the Association at a regional meeting of members on April 19, 2021, in Baltimore, Md.

Skip is the second executive director of the Association. The Association is made up of over 500 members across the United States and U.S. territories, and the Association represents approximately 1,800 contracts to the United Postal Service.

Members of the Association are independent business owners who contract with the United States Postal Service to haul mail/deliver mail in areas of the United States where the Postal Service doesn't deliver. In the rural areas of the county the Star Route contractors deliver what is referred to as the last mile.

Skip has outlasted 14 Postmaster Generals, nine Presidential Administrations, countless members of Congress, and countless Postal Service transportation managers. Skip has attended countless hearings on matters of postal reform legislation held by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and Committee on Ways and Means. Skip is known for expertise on all legislative matters relating to the Postal Service.

Skip is a true shoe-leather lobbyist. He believes meeting a member of Congress or a committee staffer in person instead of exchanging emails, texting, or talking over the phone. He claims it is always harder to say "no" to a person when talking face to face.

Skip's genuine smile and firm handshake made him distinguishable among the staff and visitors in the halls of Congress. Over the years Skip was often been mistaken as a former member of Congress.

HONORING IDA SHANOSKI COVUCCI

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize Ida Shanoski Covucci and her upcoming 100th birthday.